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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE AMERICAN TOURISTS
FROM EGYPT

REF: ATHENS 7229

1. MR. SOLOMONIDES OF SOL SHIPPING AGENCY IN LIMASSOL STATES
THAT MS KNOSSOS CAPTAIN HAD RECEIVED A VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENT
AT 2030 HOURS CYPRUS TIME FROM GREEK MINISTRY OF MERCHANT
MARINE VIA GREEK EMBASSY. SOLOMONIDES STATES THAT CAPTAIN
CANNOT SAIL BEFORE SEVERAL CONDITIONS ARE MET INCLUDING (A)
CERTIFICATION OF NEW CREW'S DOCUMENTS. (ALTERNATE CREW
ARRIVED IN LIMASSOL FROM ATHENS ABOUT 2130 HOURS.) (B) PAINTING
OF GREEK FLAG TO SPECIFICATIONS ON EACH SIDE OF THE SHIP.

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(C) 48 HOURS NOTICE TO THE GREEK MINISTRY BEFORE SAILING.

(D) MANY OTHER MINOR CONDITIONS ON WHICH MR. SOLOMONIDES SAW NO MAJOR PROBLEMS EXCEPT THAT THEY ARE TIME CONSUMING. HE THINKS CABLE WITH DATA CAN BE SENT TO GREEK MINISTRY ABOUT 2330 HOURS. HE CRITICIZES OWNER OF SHIP IN ATHENS AS ALWAYS OVERLY OPTIMISTIC.

2. MR. SOLOMONIDES STATED THAT HE IS GOING WITH CAPTAIN TO TRY AGAIN TO CONVINCE THE REGULAR CREW TO MAKE THE TRIP AND IF SUCCESSFUL THE SHIP CAN PROBABLY DEPART WITH LESS DELAY. IF REGULAR CREW CANNOT BE CONVINCED TO SAIL, HE SAID HE COULD NOT ESTIMATE A DEPARTURE DAY OR TIME.

3. LIMASSOL PORT AUTHORITY OFFICE HAS CLOSED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, ANTICIPATING NO DEPARTURES.

4. ATHENS PLEASE INFORM US WHEN YOU GET WORD OF MINISTRY'S CLEARANCE SO WE CAN PUSH AT THIS END. HOPE MINISTRY WILL WAIVE MANDATORY DELAY PARA 1.
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